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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, AO, CG
SUBJECT: ANGOLA/ZAIRE: REOPENING THE BENGUELA RAILWAY

1. ALEXANDER HOOD, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF TANGANYKA CONCESSIONS, CALLED EMBASSY OFFICER SEPTEMBER 13 TO REPORT ON THE LONDON COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENGUELA RAILWAY EARLIER THIS WEEK. THE ANGOLA DIRECTORS INFORMED HOOD THAT REPAIR WORK AT THE DILOLO BRIDGE IS ALREADY IN PROGRESS AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 15. WHEN THE BRIDGE IS OPEN, THE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO ANNOUNCE TO AGENTS THAT THE RAILWAY IS READY TO TAKE INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC.

2. THE ANGOLANS COULD NOT PREDICT HOW UNITA MIGHT REACT ONCE NORMAL USE IS RESUMED; THEY AFFIRMED, HOWEVER, THAT REOPENING THE TRACK "IS A MATTER OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITY" TO THE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT. LUANDA INTENDS TO ABSORB THE
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FULL COST OF REPAIRING THE DILOLO SPAN IN ORDER NOT TO JEOPARDIZE THE COOPERATION OF ZAIRE AND ZAMBIA, WHICH THE ANGOLAN DIRECTORS CHARACTERIZED TO HOOD AS "EYCELLENTE".

3. HOOD REMARKED THAT THE PRODUCTIVE MEETING HERE REFLECTED A COMPLETE CHANGE OF ANGOLAN VIEWS OVER THE LAST SIX MONTHS.

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